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Maine Farmer.

August, December 15, 1881.

TERMS OF THE MAINE FARMER.

ADVERTISING: For each square of 10 lines, one dollar per week in advance. For longer advertisements, special rates. For a full list of terms, apply to the publisher.

Collectors' Notices.

Mr. C. A. Allen, Agent for the Farmer, will call on all subscribers for their payments.

Extinction of the Remedy.

The President in his annual message has grasped one question at least in a very practical manner—the crime of Polygamy. It has been a subject of discussion for many years, but never before has there been a suggestion which if carried out would lead in time to the extermination of this infamous system.

Organized in 1850 by Joseph Smith, in whose vision nearly all the crimes and misdemeanors had full play and illustration, Mormonism has planted a home in the virgin soil of all our broad domain, just as a deadly disease seems sometimes to select its victims from the brightest and noblest of our race.

From this point its ensnarers are sent forth to poison other communities; its innocent but deluded recruits are from the ranks of the pure and virtuous throughout New England, the West, and even from across the sea. The experience of those who have felt its blighting touch calls for the intervention of the nation. It haunts them like a specter. It is like a fearful being that has fallen upon them to wither the best impulses of the soul.

In the afternoon, we took our seats in the hall of the Maine State House, and saw but little of the scenery on the route. The scenery was not very attractive, but the crossing the Hudson river on boats. There was a strong head tide, and we were long in making the crossing. The river was wide and the water was high.

And so it flows, and in a summer day it does not facilitate a journey by rail. In due time, daylight appeared, and we began to view a part of New Jersey. We passed through Newark, but it was before we reached the city that we saw the first of the nature and spirit of their mother, what shall become of the future generations?

It is a terrible wrong to impose this upon a wicked wrong to society. It produces a community without homes and a people without ambition or spirit. It prostitutes the marriage relation to a mere chattel trade, taking away its sanctity, and blighting the future of the race. It is a knowing canon on the body politic, in that it tears from the list of our institutions the word "Home," from the center of which springs the New England idea of civilization, and the National Union, which may as well strike directly at the nation as to destroy the home, from thence flows its life blood. Mormonism should go to the wall because it is the enemy of the home.

THE TRIAL AT WASHINGTON.

On Wednesday the government called several witnesses in absentia. Luther Galt, a family physician, testified he never saw any indication of insanity in any member of the family whom he knew.

On Thursday, the court room was again densely packed this morning. The testimony of the witnesses presented by the prosecution the previous day, and the character of their testimony, and the effect upon the public mind. Many who had begun to think that the plan of insanity was a mere device to escape justice, were now convinced that the evidence of Wednesday was completely overthrown.

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Editor's Table.

We have received from H. W. Bryant, Esq., Secretary, a copy of Vol. VIII of the collections of the Maine Historical Society.

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City News.

It is established fact that people are naturally attracted by old and reliable establishments, like E. Rowe's jewelry store. He has now an inviting display of rich goods adapted to the holiday trade.

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Kennebec County News.

C. Deane & Co., of Augusta, are doing a fine piece of work in frescoing the auditorium of the Methodist church in Laconia.

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Items of Maine News.

The work of rebuilding the Portland Spaulding Hotel has commenced. Over 300,000 barrels of cotton pass through Portland annually, for Maine's cotton mills.

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Items of General News.

Hon. Hamlin, Hamilton, Minister to Spain, has arrived at Madrid. A Michigan man put his head and some stones into a bag, tied the open end close, and threw it into a pond.

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The Markets.

Boston, Wednesday. Amount of stock at market: 10,000 shares of stock; number of wheat, 10,000; number of corn, 10,000; number of beef, 10,000; number of pork, 10,000.

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New York Money Market.

United States Sixes, 1881, (coupons) 100; New 4's (reg.) 100; New 4's (reg.) 100; New 4's (reg.) 100; New 4's (reg.) 100.

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